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1. Disclosure of US military support for major cross border operations in Cambodia may create doubts in Malik's mind regarding statements you have made to him about our support for his initiative in convoking a meeting on Cambodia. You should seek early opportunity to discuss this matter with Malik with a view to dispelling such doubts.

2. Please reassure Malik that we continue to welcome his initiative (thought we continue to consider it wiser not to emphasize this publicly), that actions allied forces are taking against certain NVA/VC staging areas along Cambodian frontier are immediately related to protection of allied soldiers' lives, that we welcome more than

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ever diplomatic initiatives (especially by Asians) directed toward universal respect for Cambodia's neutrality and territorial integrity, and that you will be in touch with him within next day or so to discuss this issue more fully, but that you wanted to emphasize these points in timely fashion so as to avoid possible misunderstandings and maintain closest contact.

3. FYI. President will be addressing nation at 2200 April 30 (Washington time). Shortly before his address, I hope to have in your hands certain key points for you to use in further discussion with Malik.

~~XXXX~~ 4. Have just now read your 3032. Very helpful.

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